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SUBJECT: WREATH-LAYING AT MASARYK'S GRAVE

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CUSTOM ON MARCH 7, I HONORED THE ANNIVERSARY OF THOMAS MASARYK'S BIRTH BY PLACING A WREATH ON HIS GRAVE AND READING A SHORT COMMEMORATIVE STATEMENT. RIBBON ON THE WREATH WAS INSCRIBED " FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE" IN CZECH AND ENGLISH.

2. PERHAPS 20 CZECHS WERE PRESENT DURING THE CEREMONY, AT WHICH EMBOFF READ A TRANSLATION OF MY STATEMENT IN CZECH. ONE ELDERLY WOMAN TOLD DATT AFTER THE CEREMONY THAT SHE HAD BEEN TENDING THE GRAVESITE SINCE THE 1940'S. DURING WWII, SHE WAS HARRASSED BY THE NAZIS AND NOW SHE IS HARASSED BY COMMUNIST POLICE BUT SHE CONTINUES HER WORK. SHE EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE EMBASSY'S ANNUAL WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY. SHE ALSO INDICATED MASARYK'S GRAND NIECES HAD VISITED THE GRAVE SHORTLY BEFORE MY ARRIVAL.

3. INTERESTINGLY, ANOTHER VISITOR THIS YEAR WAS PROF. MILAN MACHOVEC, A CHARTER 77 SIGNATORY, WHO CAME BY BUS FROM PRAGUE AND HAD TO WALK A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO THE CEMETERY TO PAY QUIET HOMAGE.

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4. THIS YEAR, UNLIKE 1976,,THERE WERE NO SECURITY POLICE IN EVIDENCE AT THE TIME OF THE CERMONY.
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